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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was irregular, but overall steady at best. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair, mixed in the Midwest where snowstorms swept the area over the weekend. Food service was light to fair at best. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was limited since regular commitments usually satisfied most immediate needs. Tenders were close balanced to well cleared, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/07/03-04/11/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG	AVG	AVG	AVG
	(Includes branded product)				
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	53.67	15	55.00	33
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.15	43	52.40	80
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	56.92	25
Denver	68.50	68.43	17	63.78	28
Detroit	47.00-50.00	49.18	11	54.29	44
Los Angeles	69.00	67.18	63	64.62	126
New York	50.00-53.00	52.04	23	54.47	50
Philadelphia	51.00-53.00	52.09	11	52.18	25
Pittsburgh	51.00-53.00	52.82	11	57.23	58
St. Louis	48.00-48.25	47.92	22	49.50	37
San Francisco	69.50	68.46	27	68.25	66

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/07/03	Change/Last Wk	03/31/03	04/08/02
572	57.71	0.00	57.71	53.64

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	54.00-56.00	54.47	30
Central	51.00-58.00	55.37	62
West	48.00-64.50	59.16	40

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.50	63.09	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,186	45.00-65.75	62.39

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.50	1,392
BREASTS - B/S	154.50	5,091
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,523
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50	951
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	9,256
WINGS	69.00	3,403

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate, but improved where retail ads increased interest. Breast items were in a better balance, but available, dark meat and tenders were at least adequate with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was cautious and selective entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in good balance. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for most immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings remained readily available.

WESTERN Final majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Trading reported on regular commitments were at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations mixed at lower to higher levels. Offerings were adequate to ample. Heavy weight product was often noted at sharply discounted levels and sized product somewhat higher. Buying activity was light. Retailer demand moderate overall. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 51.79 down 1.96 with the volume reported down 9 percent to 29 loads.

MIDWEST Majority prices into Ohio cities were TFEWR, all other areas noted mostly steady prices from last Monday's finals. Whole fryer market tone was cautiously steady to weak. Offerings were sufficient for the light to at times fair trade interest. Retail fill-in was slow to fairly good, best into winter storm areas. Food service movement was mixed, slow to moderate. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights desirable to heavy. Trading on parts was selective, best for tenders. Offerings were in close balance on tenders with all other items moderate to heavy. The market tone was steady to firm on tenderloins, and about steady remaining items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, tenders were in best demand; supplies were in balance to well cleared. Other items were at least adequate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.09
NO. OF BOXES	7,667
*8 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers maintained balanced floor stocks and cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Wings remained readily available. Retail and distributive draw was light to fair at best. The market tone was mostly steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	147.98	374,360	
TENDERLOINS	120-125	131.70	44,540	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	84.18	150,400	
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.40	110,600	
LEGS	32-33	32.52	189,680	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.84	452,760	
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	27.77	126,000	
THIGHS	22-23	34.59	24,800	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	66.43	61,980	
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	61.55	89,340	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.30	30,880	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.65	18,000	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.89	12,320	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,156	138.00-180.00	138-140	139.35
TENDERLOINS	1,478	124.00-185.00	124-128	134.26
BREAST - WITH RIBS	197	71.00-98.00	73-75	77.36
FRONT HALVES	257	68.00-78.00	68-72	70.22
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,215	17.00-19.00	17-18	17.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,625	19.00-21.00	20-21	20.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	643	67.00-78.00	67-69	67.85
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,000	18.00-20.00	-	18.24

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/07	04/03	04/03	03/31	03/27
ALA	4,036	3,936	5.08	3,959	5.12
ARK	5,309	5,175	4.96	5,193	4.91
DELMARVA	2,287	2,320	5.07	2,262	4.98
KY-LA-TN	1,936	1,909	4.81	1,926	4.82
MISS	2,884	2,828	5.17	2,853	5.29
NC	2,558	2,437	5.93	2,425	5.90
TEXAS	2,432	2,419	4.97	2,447	4.94
TOTAL	21,442	21,024	5.12	21,065	5.12
MON	21,442(A)			21,065(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Apr 2003 is estimated to be 32,080,000 up 1.49 percent from a week ago and up 0.95 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,610,000 last year 31,778,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	915	129.00-230.00	132-138	135.83
TENDERLOINS	263	125.00-190.00	130-135	138.35
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	82.00-88.00	83-85	84.55
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	24.00-38.00	26-27	27.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	664	16.00-19.50	16-18	17.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,117	18.00-26.00	19-21	20.79
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	45.00-70.00	-	66.90
WINGS (CUT)	385	60.00-84.00	77-79	78.83
DRUMSTICKS	68	38.00-48.00	-	39.18
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 07, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 46.25	44.88	44.50

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF APR -07- APR 11, 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 157.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 98.00	82.00 - 85.00
LEGS	30.00 - 38.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 25.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	57.00 - 73.00	69.00 - 71.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 52.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-104
ICE PACK	96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	91-98
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	155-166

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-APRI-2003				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00-17.00	244,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-19.00	11.00-14.00	1,403,200	326,400
WTD AVERAGE	14.26	12.25		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	22,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the fully sufficient offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8	7.97
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-APR-2003				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-18.00	16.00	1,076,000	634,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.57	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50	11.50-15.00	1,712,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.50	12.99		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced at processing plants. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7-8	8.38

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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